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CHARTER,
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OF

The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society

OF

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CHARTER.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That Joseph J. Mickley, Arthur G. Coffin, Alfred B. Taylor, Mark W. Collet, William S. Vaux, John Bohlen, Samuel H. Fulton, J. Ledyard Hodge, Montgomery L. Frederick, and their associates and successors, shall be and they are hereby created and constituted a body corporate by the name, style and title of "The Numismatic Society of Philadelphia." The object of this corporation shall be the collection of coins and medals, for the purpose of holding the same for scientific purposes, and the said corporation shall not buy, sell or deal in any coin or money for the purpose of gain, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, shall be able to make contracts relative to the said Institution, to sue and be sued, and shall be capable in law and equity of taking, purchasing, receiving, holding and conveying any estate, real, personal or mixed, for the use and benefit of the said Society or body politic. Provided, That the clear yearly value or income of the estate, real, personal or mixed, of the Society, shall not at any time exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. That the said Society shall consist of resident members, of corresponding members, and honorary members, who shall all be elected under such rules and upon such terms

as the Society may establish; that the right of voting, of holding office, and of transacting business, shall be confined solely to resident members.

SECTION 3. That the officers of the Society shall consist of a President and such other officers as may in the opinion of the Society be considered necessary and proper for the accomplishment of its objects; that all of these officers shall be elected annually by the Society, but if such annual election shall not be held at the stated time, the Society shall not thereby be dissolved, but the existing officers shall continue in office until others are elected.

SECTION 4. That it may and shall be lawful for the Society to have a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure; and also to establish and put in execution such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary and convenient for the government of the said Society. Provided, the same are not contrary to this charter or the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of this Commonwealth.

A. BROWER LONGAKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM H. WELSH,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the nineteenth day of February, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

WILLIAM F. PACKER.

A SUPPLEMENT TO

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF
PHILADELPHIA, APPROVED FEBRUARY NINETEENTH, ANNO
DOMINI ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-
EIGHT.

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That the name, style and title of "The Numismatic Society of Philadelphia" be and the same is hereby changed, and the said corporation shall hereafter be known as "The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia," whose objects shall be to encourage and promote numismatic science and antiquarian research, with all the rights, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions not herein modified, of the act incorporating said Numismatic Society of Philadelphia.

A. G. OLMSTEAD,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. J. TURRELL,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the twenty-third day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

A. G. CURTIN.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia." Its object shall be to encourage and promote numismatic science and antiquarian research.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall consist of resident members, corresponding members, and honorary members.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more resident Vice Presidents, an honorary Vice President for such other of the United States as the Society may from time to time determine, not to exceed one for each State, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Historiographer, one or more Curators, and a Librarian, all of whom shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in December.

ARTICLE IV.

The Society shall have a common seal.

ARTICLE V.

The right of voting, of holding offices, and of transacting business, lies solely with the resident members. Honorary and corresponding members shall have all other privileges of resident members.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society may establish such By-Laws for its government and regulation as may be deemed necessary and proper.

ARTICLE VII.

No change shall be made in this Constitution unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at a stated meeting, notice of such proposed change having been submitted in writing at a previous stated meeting.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

ARTICLE I.—The President shall occupy the chair at the meetings of the Society, enforce the laws, preserve order, regulate the debates, and nominate all committees other than those specially excepted. He shall give the casting vote when necessary.

ARTICLE II.—In the absence of the President, a Vice President, or in the absence of all, a President *pro tempore*, shall occupy the chair and perform the duties of the President.

ARTICLE III.—The Recording Secretary shall take and preserve correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, preserve all documents belonging thereto that may come into his possession, notify all committees of their appointment, and keep a correct list of the members of the Society, with the date of their election, resignation or death.

ARTICLE IV.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Society, notify all members of their election, and acknowledge all donations by letter. He shall keep correct copies of all letters written on the business of the Society, and shall read a minute of his transactions at each stated meeting.

ARTICLE V.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Society, and attend to the collection and payment of monies. But no payments shall be made by him

except on an order from the President, countersigned by the Recording Secretary. He shall keep a clear and detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures, to be laid before the Society annually, at its stated meeting in January, and when called upon by the Society. He shall take charge of the common seal of the Society, and also of the certificates of membership, and have them filled up, signed, sealed and forwarded to members.

ARTICLE VI.—The Historiographer shall collect and preserve materials for a history of the Society, and for biographies of its members, and whenever deemed advisable by the Society, shall prepare the same for publication.

CHAPTER II.

OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE I.—Any candidate must be proposed in writing by two members at one stated meeting, and may be balloted for at the next stated meeting of the Society, when two negative votes shall defeat his election.

ARTICLE II.—No person residing in Philadelphia can be chosen a corresponding member; nor shall any corresponding member continue such after he shall have removed permanently to Philadelphia. In such case a re-election is not necessary, but the corresponding member becomes liable for the annual contribution. He shall also sign the obligation as a resident member, and be entitled to all the privileges of a resident member.

ARTICLE III.—No resident member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he shall have paid the initiation fee, and signed the following obligation:

In becoming a member of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, I promise to conform to its Constitution, laws and regulations; and in testimony thereof I do hereunto subscribe my name.

ARTICLE IV.—If any member elect shall not comply with

the requirements of the preceding article (No. III.), within six months from the date of his election, such election shall be void.

ARTICLE V.—The Society shall grant to each member a certificate of membership.

ARTICLE VI.—If any person shall be balloted for and rejected, or his name shall be withdrawn previous to the ballot, no note of said rejection or withdrawal shall be made on the minutes of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.—No person thus rejected shall again be proposed before the expiration of a year, nor shall any one whose name has been withdrawn previous to the ballot be again proposed before the expiration of six months from said withdrawal, and then must be balloted for by unanimous consent of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—All such persons as shall in the opinion of the Society merit that distinction, may, on the recommendation of three members, be proposed in writing as candidates for honorary membership at one stated meeting, and be balloted for at the next stated meeting, when a unanimous vote shall be necessary to an election.

ARTICLE IX.—The Director of the United States Mint shall “ex officio” be an honorary member of this Society.

CHAPTER III.

OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

ARTICLE I.—Every resident member elect shall pay to the Treasurer an initiation fee of five dollars, and a diploma fee of half a dollar.

ARTICLE II.—Every resident member shall pay annually to the Treasurer, on or before the first of July, a contribution of three dollars. Any members elected during the year shall pay at the rate of twenty-five cents for each month until the first of January next succeeding their election. Resident members re-

moving permanently from the city shall become corresponding members, and shall be relieved from further annual contributions to the Society.

ARTICLE III.—Any member may become a life member of the Society by a contribution of twenty-five dollars, which payment shall exonerate him from all further pecuniary contributions to the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers, unless he can exhibit to the tellers a receipt in full for all arrearages due by him to the Society.

ARTICLE V.—No pecuniary contributions shall be required from Honorary Vice Presidents, or from corresponding members, but corresponding members residing in the United States shall be charged with a diploma fee of five dollars.

ARTICLE VI.—Any donation to the Society shall have the name of the donor attached to it, which shall be registered in the catalogues.

CHAPTER IV.

OF RESIGNATIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

ARTICLE I.—Any member shall have leave to resign upon application in writing, provided he can produce a certificate from the Treasurer that all arrearages due from him to the Society have been discharged.

ARTICLE II.—A member may be expelled from the Society for sufficient cause, by a vote of three-fourths of the members at a stated meeting, notice of the intention of the Society to consider the subject of expulsion of a member having been given at a previous stated meeting.

ARTICLE III.—No member shall be expelled without having an opportunity of being heard in his own defence, and any member thus expelled shall under no circumstances be received as a candidate for re-election.

CHAPTER V.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE I.—The Standing Committees of the Society shall each be composed of three resident members, who shall be elected annually at the stated meeting in December, and shall be as follows:—

1. On Numismatics, which committee shall include a Curator.
2. On Antiquities, which committee shall include a Curator.
3. On Library, which committee shall include the Librarian.
4. On Hall.

CHAPTER VI.

OF LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I.—The Librarian shall take charge of all books and pamphlets belonging to the Society, and shall report on the condition of the same annually at the stated meeting in January.

ARTICLE II.—The Librarian shall make out two copies of a catalogue of all books and pamphlets belonging to the Society; adding thereto the title in full of each one as received. When books are presented to the Society, the name of the donor shall be inserted in the catalogues, together with the date of the gift.

ARTICLE III.—One of the catalogues so made out shall be open to the inspection of members, and the other shall be placed in the archives of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—Members of the Society alone shall have access to the Library, and no work shall be loaned from the room on any account whatever, unless by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at the stated meeting when an application is made.

ARTICLE V.—The Librarian shall be responsible for all works committed to his charge.

CHAPTER VII.

OF CABINET.

ARTICLE I.—The Curator shall take charge of the Cabinet, together with all specimens that may, by donation or otherwise, come into the possession of the Society, and shall report on the condition of the Cabinet annually at the stated meeting in January.

ARTICLE II.—The Curator shall make out two copies of a catalogue of all specimens belonging to the Society, adding thereto a description of each specimen as received. When specimens are presented to the Society, the name of the donor shall be inserted in the catalogues, together with the date of the gift.

ARTICLE III.—One of the catalogues so made out shall be open to the inspection of members, and the other shall be placed in the archives of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—No specimen belonging to the Society shall be loaned from the room under any pretence or for any purpose whatever, and no moulds or models of specimens shall be taken without the consent of the Society.

ARTICLE V.—The Curator alone shall have liberty to open the Cabinet, and shall be responsible for all articles committed to his charge.

ARTICLE VI.—All specimens in the Cabinet must be properly labelled by the Curator, as far as practicable.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF MEETINGS.

ARTICLE I.—The stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Thursday evening of each month, at hours fixed from time to time by the Society.

ARTICLE II.—Special meetings may be called by resolution of the Society, by public notice from the President, or at the request of three members in writing.

ARTICLE III.—At a special meeting, after the minutes of the preceding meeting shall have been read, the meeting shall immediately proceed to the consideration of the business for which it was specially convened, and no other business shall be brought before the Society at such special meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—The order of business at stated meetings shall be:—

1. Members present noted by the Secretary.
2. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Donations received.
5. Written communications.
6. Verbal communications.
7. New business.
8. Members elected.
9. Rough minutes read.
10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V.—Five members shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER IX.

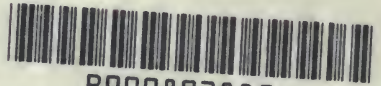
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ARTICLE I.—In all such points of order as are not noticed in these By-Laws, the Society is to be governed by the established usages in similar institutions.

ARTICLE II.—Every proposition to alter or amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at one stated meeting, and may be balloted for at the next stated meeting, when, upon receiving the votes of two-thirds of the members present, it shall become a part of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III.—No one or more of these By-Laws shall be suspended.

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